



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

23 MAY 2022

### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Riverside – School Employee Accused of Giving Students Fentanyl

(U) Melissa Harloam-Garrison, 46, an employee at a special needs school in Riverside, was recently arrested after police received a tip accusing her of giving fentanyl to students. Police learned that a student at the school had overdosed on the opioid at their home just a week earlier. A school investigation identified Harloam-Garrison as the person suspected of giving students fentanyl. Harloam-Garrison is a bus driver and campus security guard who lives on campus in a cottage with her husband, the school said. Officers searched the on-campus home and found more than a hundred suspected fentanyl pills, two handguns, and various types of ammunition.

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [KRGE](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – Bomb Threat at Jail but no Device was Found

(U) Authorities spent several hours on Saturday investigating a possible bomb threat at the Sacramento County Main Jail. The investigation began when a person inside a marked vehicle reported being followed inside a garage at the jail. The person driving and the vehicle were both deemed suspicious by authorities and the person was detained. The sheriff's office also said there were wires coming out of the car. The jail's basement and first floor were evacuated as authorities searched the suspicious vehicle with a drone. The jail was also temporarily on lockdown. Normal operations have since resumed.

SOURCE: 23 May 2022, [KCRA](#)

#### (U) San Bernardino – One Killed, Eight Injured in Shooting at Party

(U) One person was killed and eight people were wounded following an overnight shooting at a large party. Officers from the San Bernardino police dispatched late Friday found the one person who was killed outside the party, which was at a business in a strip mall in the city east of Los Angeles. Police said injuries did not appear to be life-threatening, and no arrests have been made nor has the suspect been identified. The shooting appears to have stemmed from a conflict in a crowded room at the party and the victims don't seem to have been intentionally targeted.

SOURCE: 22 May 2022, [Deccan Herald](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – FBI Arrests Man Purportedly the 'Chinese Zodiac Killer'

(U) Washington – Jesse Bartlett, 46, allegedly sent threatening letters in which he claimed to eat people he murdered has been arrested and charged by the FBI. Bartlett is accused of sending such letters to private businesses, houses of worship, media outlets, and government offices in northeastern states. The letters were allegedly sent by someone who claimed to be the "Chinese Zodiac Killer," a presumed reference to the infamous Zodiac Killer, who also sent threatening letters but was confirmed to have murdered at least five people in Northern California in the 1960s. In his letters, Bartlett allegedly wrote that he killed people, ate their flesh and that he plans to kill more, including an unidentified bus driver.

SOURCE: 20 May 2022, [Associated Press](#)

## UNCLASSIFIED

### **(U) Illinois – Third Shooting at Park in Two Weeks after Man Shoots at Security Guard**

(U) Chicago – Just one day after Chicago added security checkpoints and implemented a curfew for minors in Millennium Park, gunfire erupted at the popular tourist spot Friday evening. At 7:22 p.m. in the 100 block of East Monroe Street, a 22-year-old man refused to be checked for weapons at an entry point to the park, police said. The man then hopped a fence and opened fire at an off duty Cook County sheriff's police officer who approached him, police said. The officer, who was working a security side job at the park, returned fire, striking the man in the buttocks, officials said. Despite being wounded, the man ran to the Riverwalk, where he was arrested, police said.

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [Block Club Chicago](#)

### **(U) New Mexico – Cyberattacks Target New Mexico School Districts**

(U) Santa Fe – In January, Albuquerque public schools were forced to cancel classes because of a district-wide cyber-attack. Most recently, Fort Sumner municipal schools were hit by a similar attack. Cybersecurity expert Tony Sabaj says attacks like these aren't going anywhere because hackers have found school districts as a prime target. Sabaj says, "People do need to be concerned about the amount of, you know, the amount of data that is just online. The school, by nature, is going to have somewhat sensitive information about the students. They will have address names, possibly photos that are part of school IDs."

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [KOAT](#)

### **(U) New York – 15 People Joined Shooting Suspect's Private Chat Shortly Before Massacre**

(U) Buffalo – Fifteen people accepted avowed white supremacist Payton Gendron's invitation to a private chatroom, chillingly named "Happening: This is not a drill," where he allegedly spent months meticulously planning his attack in Buffalo that killed 10 people. The 18-year-old invited people on the Discord app 30 minutes before the massacre. The chatroom included months of posts written by an author who identified himself as Gendron, describing his twisted views and outlining how he'd scouted the Tops Friendly Markets in a crazed plan to kill as many black people as possible. A person with knowledge of Discord's internal investigation told the network that the invitees, and others with whom they may have shared access, would have been able to view his posts before the massacre.

SOURCE: 20 May 2022, [NY Post](#)

### **(U) Texas – Four People Indicted in Smuggling Attempt of \$35 Million in Methamphetamine**

(U) Laredo – On 18 May, a grand jury charged Zuriel Cordero Ferrer, Ivan Nunez Penaloza, Henry Mendez Niz and Jose del Angel Ontiveros with conspiracy to import meth and importation of meth. If convicted, each defendant could face 10 years to life in prison. The case dates to 12 April, when US Customs and Border Protection officers referred a commercial shipment of 16 pallets containing 800 five-gallon buckets of frozen strawberry purée to secondary inspection. Homeland Security Investigations special agents conducted a controlled delivery of the frozen purée with continuous surveillance of the shipment. On 18 April, the shipment was delivered to a storage unit in Chamblee, Georgia. Cordero Ferrer and Mendez Niz unloaded the shipment.

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [LMT Online](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Burkina Faso – Attack in Eastern Burkina Faso Kills 11 Soldiers**

(U) Ouagadougou – Eleven soldiers were killed and nearly two dozen injured by gunmen targeting a military base in eastern Burkina Faso, the government said. Injured soldiers have been taken to hospital and aerial support killed 15 attackers trying to flee after Thursday's attack in Madjoari in Kompienga province. For six years the West African country has been ravaged by violence linked to al-Qa'ida and

UNCLASSIFIED

## UNCLASSIFIED

the Islamic State group that has killed thousands and displaced nearly two million people. Mutinous soldiers ousted the democratically elected president in January promising to stem the violence, but since then attacks have increased. Within a 72-hour period last week nearly 60 people, including civilians and security forces, were killed in violence targeting villages in four regions across the country, according to an internal security report for aid workers seen by The Associated Press.

SOURCE: 20 May 2022, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) Russia – Russia-Linked Sandworm Malware Continues to Conduct Attacks Against Ukraine**

(U) Moscow – Cybersecurity experts from ESET reported that the Russia-linked cyberespionage group Sandworm continues to launch cyberattacks against entities in Ukraine. Sandworm (aka BlackEnergy and TeleBots) has been active since 2000, it operates under the control of Unit 74455 of the Russian GRU's Main Center for Special Technologies (GTsST). The group is also the author of the NotPetya ransomware that hit hundreds of companies worldwide in June 2017, causing billions worth of damage. In April, Sandworm targeted energy facilities in Ukraine with a new strain of the Industroyer ICS malware (INDUSTROYER2) and a new version of the CaddyWiper wiper. According to the CERT-UA, nation-state actors targeted high-voltage electrical substations with INDUSTROYER2, the variant analyzed by the researchers were customized to target respective substations.

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [Security Affairs](#)

### **(U) Turkey – President Expects 'Serious Steps' from Sweden on Terrorism Concerns**

(U) Ankara – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke with the leaders of Sweden and Finland on Saturday, urging Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson to take "concrete and serious steps" to address Turkey's concerns about terrorist organizations, as the three countries work to reach an agreement to win Turkey's support for approving Finland and Sweden's NATO applications. Erdogan told Andersson on a phone call that Sweden should end its financial, political and weapons support to groups Turkey considers to be terrorist organizations. Erdogan also said Sweden's restrictions on Turkey's defense industry following the 2019 invasion of Syria should be lifted.

SOURCE: 21 May 2022, [Forbes](#)

**(U) PREPARED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER.**

**(U) FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL [STAC@CALOES.CA.GOV](mailto:STAC@CALOES.CA.GOV), OR CALL 916-636-2900.**

UNCLASSIFIED